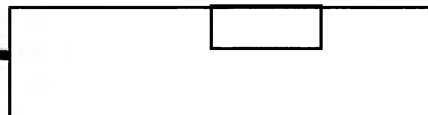


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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

AGENDA

for

ICRS-M-18, Tuesday 22 October 1968

Room 1G-38, Headquarters

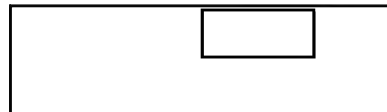
1. U-2 Reconnaissance Briefing - CIA/OSA, 
2. KH-4 Orbit Search and WAG Programming Briefing -  OSP
3. Approval of Minutes - 15 October Meeting.
4. Satellite Schedule - NRO
5. South China/North Vietnam Priority List.
(ICRS-D-6/18-93)
6. Readout Requirements - 1105.
7. Update COMIREX Target File.
8. Other Business.

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Excluded from automatic down-
grading and declassification



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NRO review(s)
completed.

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3. [] asked for clarification of COMIREX required actions on the Target Nomination Form. He stated it is his understanding that the Form has been approved but that the criteria is still being considered. [] replied that it is his understanding that the Nomination Form and criteria were to be submitted to COMIREX for approval as a package and that neither had been approved as yet. Mr. [] stated that he would inquire as to their status.

SATELLITE SCHEDULE

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4. [] reported the satellite launch schedule as follows:

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1105 - 30 Oct 1968
1106 - 11 Dec 1968
1049 - 29 Jan 1969
1107 - 12 Mar 1969
1050 - 14 May 1969

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5. [] requested NRO to provide information on how much of the 1105 color film is planned for engineering and how many feet of film are expended in a minimum burst. [] will provide information at next weeks meeting.

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6. [] requested a copy of the 1105 orbit ground traces be provided ICRS as soon as possible after the orbit had been selected.

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

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7. [] (Nan Ning Airfield) was deleted from the South China/North Vietnam

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Priorities List based on the CIA recommendation of 7 October and approved by ICRS at the 8 October meeting.

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8. A handout of the usable coverage of South China priority targets since 1 January 1968, compiled by the ICRS Staff, was distributed to the members. At Mr. [redacted] request a similar recap of North Korea COMIREX targets for this same time period will be compiled and disseminated to the members.

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9. [redacted] inquired if these requirements would interfere with the intelligence requirements. The Chairman replied that if they were placed at a priority level below the primary intelligence collection requirements on the "J" Mission Priorities Paper there should be no interference. However, other factors are also involved and should be considered.

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10. [redacted] requested that NPIC be tasked to provide the latest acceptable KH-4 coverage of the [redacted] target list. The NPIC representative was asked to provide this data.

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11. [redacted] recommended that NPIC include the extent and quality of the [redacted] targets in the feedback report to ICRS.

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12. [redacted] requested that the ICRS Staff check for duplication between the [redacted] and the approved ICRS [redacted] list.

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13. DIA questioned why the requirement could not be met with aircraft resources.

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14. The [redacted] requirements were accepted for 1105 program- ing and the Chairman will report further the answers for questions on these targets by the time the priorities paper is considered.

A. I. D. REQUIREMENT

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15. [redacted] reviewed a request received from A. I. D. to support certain crop production studies with KH-4 photography. The members requested additional information such as seasonal requirements, minimum cloud-free photography required,

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etc. This information will be provided the members at a later date.

1105 PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS

16. The Chairman opened the discussion by recommending that consideration be given to use the WAG numbering system in lieu of assigning COMIREX numbers to each WAG used to identify specific areas required for search.

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25X1A areas with WAG identifier. [] stated that this was being accomplished by
NPIC on North Vietnam and if deemed necessary it would appear that the same require-
ment could be levied through EXSUBCOM on WAG areas. He pointed out that all
COMIREX targets would continue to be reported as in the past. NPIC prefers the use
of some standard identifier rather than a fictional number presently assigned.

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25X1A 18. [] recommended that the Chairman, DBWG, be contacted since
he also is involved in WAG reporting in their area coverage files. []
replied that any proposals will be coordinated with pertinent COMIREX subcommittees
and working groups.

25X1A 19. [] indicated his support in using WAG areas to express requirements.
However, he requested that present flexibility for inputting requirements i.e. by
geographic boundaries, COMIREX number, or other means be retained. The Chairman
assured him this would be the case but that those boundaries can be converted to WAG
areas which offers a more definitive method of defining search areas of irregular
shape than does the corner coordinate system.

25X1A 20. [] stated that he would schedule a presentation from the OSP/CIA
CORONA Programming Office for next week to familiarize the members with how the
WAG areas are handled in the CORONA Programming as well as the AMS plans for
reporting area coverage.

21. The targets for 1105 programming are listed in attachment number 1. Those
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1048 MONO COVERAGE

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22. [] displayed an overlay of the monoscopic coverage achieved on Mission 1048 after one camera failed on Rev 181. [] inquired if the NPIC had been asked if the monoscopic coverage was acceptable for search purposes. The Chairman replied that NPIC had responded in the negative to the same question asked by the Chairman, COMIREX, last Thursday.

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23. The members felt that a briefing by NPIC on the usefulness of monoscopic coverage on 1048 would be advisable. The Chairman asked the NPIC consultant to request an NPIC review of the monoscopic coverage on 1048 and report back to ICRS on 29 October.

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE PAPER

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24. [] stated some questions on the paper had been received from various organizations and while no major objections to the overall concept, as outlined in the DIA draft paper had been voiced, there were some areas that needed clarification. He recommended that his office prepare a revised draft and an ad hoc meeting of interested organizations be held as soon as possible to prepare a coordinated paper which could be distributed at the 22 October ICRS meeting and possibly noted to the COMIREX on the 24th. /It was subsequently agreed the ICRS Staff would distribute a revised draft NLT 17 October and an ad hoc meeting would be held Monday, 21 October at Langley./

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25. The Chairman noted that [] paper on the coordinate problem would be on the 24 October COMIREX Agenda.

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* At least twice for the designated areas, then three times in order of priority given, then four times also in order of priority given.

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26. [] stated DIA was working on proposed orbit select criteria but had not completed the task as yet and asked the latest date it could be accepted. [] said he must have the criteria by opening of business on the 17th. Mr. [] requested the DIA criteria be provided by Wednesday so it could be given the NRO in the required time frame. /DIA subsequently provided the following requirements which would precede the CIA proposed orbit select criteria. The NRO was asked to develop at least two orbits, one optimized against the CIA proposed criteria and the second optimized against the DIA requirements. The NRO was also requested to provide the results to ICRS so an evaluation of the differences can be accomplished and decision provided the NRO:

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I Liang Army Bks South []
Kun Ming General Sup Dp []
Kun Ming Ammo and Sup Dpo Ta Pan Chiao []

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TARGET UPDATES

27. DIA was asked by the Chairman to address the problems associated with accepting the recommendations concerning the redesignation of certain 6B and 7A targets to the more descriptive 1K categories which had been recommended on the 8 October weekly transaction sheets. [] responded that the primary problem is one of bookkeeping and amount of cross reference data that must be associated with the proposed changes. This would be especially true if this practice would be necessary on a large scale. [] stated the recommendations under discussion were a clear cut case of targets being in a category that is not truly descriptive. [] acknowledging there were cases where a changed

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COMIREX category would be desirable, asked that the present changes be held in abeyance until after the current 3-way compare between the ICRS - DIA and NPIC target lists is completed. /DIA subsequently concurred in making the proposed changes immediately./

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28. [] requested any non-concurrence with the weekly transaction sheets distributed be provided ICRS by noon 17 October. [] noted that this short suspense normally did not allow DIA sufficient time to thoroughly review the requested actions and inquired what action the ICRS Staff was taking when the DIA review of the WTS was completed and the WTS returned to the ICRS Staff. Col. [] stated it did not appear to him that all DIA recommended actions were being accomplished and inquired as to the ICRS procedures being employed. Mr. [] stated he would like to review the ICRS procedures and that they would be discussed at the 22 October ICRS meeting. Action on the 15 October WTS was held in abeyance until this date.

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